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cont' *B* distance above the top surface of the table, wherein the table includes at least one of a recess and an aperture formed in the one end for receiving the housing therein.

a3 15. (Amended) A table-mounted scoring unit, comprising:

a table having a top surface;
a scoring unit including a housing; and
means for integrally coupling the housing at one end of the table for extending the scoring unit a fixed distance above the top surface of the table, wherein the coupling means is facilitated by at least one of a recess and an aperture formed in the table at the one end.

REMARKS

The present Office Action stated that Applicant's election of Fig. 10 and claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-18 and 20 was not properly responsive with the restriction requirement of the previous Office Action in that none of the elected independent claims read on the elected Fig. 10. According to the Office Action, each independent claim requires a recess and in the disclosure the only recess is found when referring to Fig. 9. The Office Action further stated that the scoring unit of Fig. 10 is defined in the disclosure as supported on the pedestal and not as attached to the table.

While Applicants still disagree with the position taken by the Examiner, Applicants have, nevertheless, amended independent claims 1, 8 and 15 and respectfully request examination of this case on its merits.

With this reply, Applicants again hereby confirm the election of the species of Fig. 10, with traverse. Applicants again submit that amended claims 1, 8 and 15 read on the embodiment of

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Fig. 10. Further, Applicants submit that all the dependent claims with the exception of claims 2, 3, 9, 12, 16 and 19 read on the embodiment of Fig. 10.

No new matter has been entered with the amendments to the claims. Applicants submit that this reply is fully responsive to the above-referenced Office Action. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The first page of the marked-up version is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**" with added text underlined and deleted text in [brackets].

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 949-9610.

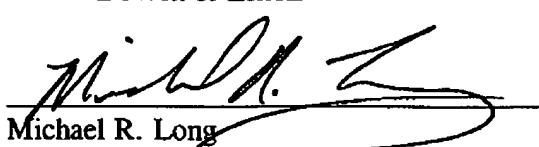
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Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A table and scoring unit assembly, comprising:

a table having a top surface and one end with at least one of a recess and an aperture for receiving a scoring unit; and

a scoring unit integrally mounted at the one end of the table to extend a fixed distance above the top surface of the table.

8. (Amended) A table and integral scoring unit, comprising:

a table having a top surface;

a scoring unit including a housing; and

an attachment coupling the housing at one end of the table to extend the scoring unit a fixed distance above the top surface of the table, wherein the table includes at least one of a recess and an aperture formed in the one end for receiving the housing therein.

15. (Amended) A table-mounted scoring unit, comprising:

a table having a top surface;

a scoring unit including a housing; and

means for integrally coupling the housing at one end of the table for extending the scoring unit a fixed distance above the top surface of the table, wherein the coupling means is facilitated by at least one of a recess and an aperture formed in the table at the one end.